

"SCHOOLS HAVE BATTERED DOWN MORE WALLS THAN CANNON"

Influence of Western Education Introduced into Eastern Lands as Described by President Faunce of Brown University—China's Deserted "Examination Cells" 20,000 in Number, Now in Ruins—Vines, Weeds and Mosses Form a Pall for the Crumbling Ruins—Japan's Unreached Millions—Work in China and Korea

(By Southern Missionary News Bureau; Ida Clyde Clarke, Editor)

The influence of western education introduced into eastern lands both by missionaries and by European governments has been profound and far-reaching. Schools have battered down more walls than cannon, and the work of teachers has caused the undermining of systems of thought that have endured for millenniums.

No more striking scene can be found in China today than the deserted "examination halls" in the city of Nan-king on the Yangtze river. The visitor to that city is taken to the top of a tall tower in the center of a vast enclosure surrounded by a stone wall. From the top of the tower he looks down on the halls, or cells, said to be 20,000 in number, outspread around him in every direction. The cells are arranged in long rows, with narrow aisles or lanes running between the rows. Each cell is about five feet square. At the bottom is a board on which the student could stand at night. At the side is a niche in the masonry where the student placed the basket of food which he brought in with him. A little higher is another niche for a candle, by whose light the student worked for three days, and then had one day of freedom. Then he was shut in for three days more, followed by another day of rest. Then he had three days more in the cell—nine days in all, of rigid, relentless examinations.

The examination papers were not printed until all the students were in their cells and the gates were closed. This precaution was taken to avoid cheating—which, nevertheless, was not avoided. If any student died under the strain, as men occasionally did, the heavy gates might not be opened. The body was simply removed from the cell, hoisted over the wall, and carried off by relatives. The supreme object of the imprisoned student was to write an essay which should demonstrate his absolute mastery of the Confucian classics and his absolute loyalty to their teachings. He must prove through the examinations—which were the only door to public office—that he was familiar with every allusion, every phrase, every character in the writings of Confucius, Mencius and their disciples. Any variation from the original phrasing, any introduction of novelty, any intrusion of personal experience and opinion was fatal to success.

But now the visitor, looking down on the 20,000 cells, sees that about 500 of

them are in ruins, swept away by an overflow of the huge river. Over thousands of the halls, weeds, vines and mosses are growing, and never again will any Chinese pupil enter any one of them. They are crumbling, slowly into dust, and with them has crumbled, not only a kind of examination, but an attitude toward life, a system of values, a standard character. The passing of China's old education is the transformation of her life. Now the student would win governmental positions must answer questions in European history in economics, in social science; and the old Chinese officials, with their huge goggles, their embroidered coats, their clinging to the far past, have gone into hiding, never to emerge. The crumbling of the cells signifies the transformation of the national life.—Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, president Brown University.

Gains in Korea.

"Bishop Lewis' visit at conference time was of great help and inspiration to our Korea workers," writes Rev. B. R. Lawton (Northern Methodist) from Chemulpo. "Ten thousand, nine hundred and fifty-one full members, and 9,828 probationers were listed, an increase of 3,656 over last year. Our total number of adherents is now 43,204. We also have a good showing in receipts on the field—\$30,984, an increase of nearly \$6,000 over the contributions for 1913."

New Work in China.

Even though missionaries have been in and around Canton for a little more than a hundred years there are still large numbers of people in the city who have not heard the gospel. The city is so large that it is difficult to have a chapel in every section of it, and since they are a people who do not go far from where they live, as a rule, one can easily see why some of them have not heard the gospel.

But the missionaries are opening up chapels as fast as they can get suitable locations and money enough to support them. A chapel has been recently opened and two boys from the seminary have been placed in charge. The opening of service was entirely in the hands of the Chinese; the pastor of the First Baptist church was the principal speaker from the Chinese and Brother P. H. Anderson from the missionaries. The chapel was crowded to its limit and the street full in front of the chapel.

and they listened very earnestly to the message from the gospel.

I sat and listened to the messages, and even though I could not understand a word of it, I could tell from the expression on the face of the speaker that his message was earnest and prayerful. I looked into the faces of the Chinese and wondered at their apparent joy in hearing the gospel, many of them, perhaps, for their first time. Boys and girls, mothers with their babies on their backs, and old men stood through the service with upturned faces listening eagerly to the wonderful message. It just thrilled my very soul and made me feel what a great joy it must be to preach the gospel to people who have never heard it before.—J. T. Williams.

Pastor Li of Pingtu.

One of the most remarkable of the native Chinese pastors is Pastor Li of Pingtu, China. Missionary W. H. Sears says of him:

"Pastor Li thrilled the whole association as he rehearsed all that God had done with him and how He had opened the door of faith unto other centers and provinces. On Pastor Li's last missionary trip he traveled over 2,500 (English) miles. He traveled 1,700 miles by rail, 700 miles on wheelbarrows and donkeys and the remainder 500 (English) miles on foot. He carried a small purse, but no extra pair of shoes and socks and one day in the midst of a heavy rain and snowstorm he traveled twenty-odd (English) miles barefooted in order to save his cloth shoes.

"On his trip he baptized 180 persons and helped in the organization of four home mission churches.

"Surely these are New Testament methods! Paul preached in a place for a few months and then left behind him a church, not, indeed, free from the need of guidance, but capable of growth and expansion. The places where Pastor Li visited have had the gospel preached to them more than a few months, and may we not expect them to take a stand for Christ? Pastor Li is a man of great faith and full of the holy spirit and is it anything remarkable that men and women should publicly profess Christ when He is preached to them through a channel?"

"Our Chinese pastors see the needs of China. They are mediative, given to pondering over the Bible, not content to be merely echoes of the missionary, but receiving for themselves direct impression of the spirit and word of Christ. They are and will continue to be a great factor in bringing about the salvation of China."

Facts That Count.

Twenty-five years ago 128 Baptist schools in the United States and property valued at \$9,118,996 and an endowment of \$8,768,385. Today have 205 schools with property valued at \$46,929,481 and an endowment of \$44,130,926.

From the Baptist missionary training school in Chicago, the first of its kind in the world, have gone out more than 700 graduates into many lines of Chris-

tian activity, until in their respective stations they, like Puck, "put a girle round the world."

Mr. Morgenthau, the American ambassador to Turkey, has lately made a six weeks' tour of inspection of mission stations and colleges in Turkey. No other ambassador to that country, it is said, has ever made this study of missionary work in Turkey. Mr. Morgenthau is a Jew.

In 1891 there were only 19,780 Christians in the Punjab. Then years later there were 37,695, while in 1911 there were 163,994.

China has not been able to produce a world mind, or an immortal book, or an epoch-making invention in the last twenty centuries.

According to W. T. Snead, South Africa is the product of three forces—conquest, trade and missions, and of the three the first counts for the last and the last for the greatest factor in the expansion of civilization in Africa.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES

They Are Closely Observing Public Health Conditions.

An examining physician for one of the prominent Life Insurance Companies, in an interview on the subject, made the astonishing statement that one reason so many applicants for insurance are rejected is because kidney trouble is so common to the American people, and the large majority of those whose applications are declined do not even suspect that they have the disease.

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WAR.

(By Walt Mason.)

Oh, somebody poisoned the emperor's dog, yea, gave it of arsenic more than a pound; at dawn it was lying out in the fog, its legs in the air and its tail on the ground. The emperor muttered, "This insult, by jing, most certainly calls for an ocean of blood; and now I shall climb on the frame of the king who handled by bow-wow a poisonous spud." The emperor summoned his three million men, and told them to scrap while the scrapping was fine; the king, much offended, emerged from his den, and called for his soldiers, and got them in line. Ah, then there was war, and the sickening thud, and there was a soul searching chorus of groans; and travelers waded through rivers of blood, or twisted their ankles on hillocks of bones. The homes of the people made excellent fires, and women were widowed without their consent; and children were waiting in vain for the sires whose blood for a bow-wow was foolishly spent. And when it was over, and legions were slain, a horse doctor looked at the emperor's spitz. "The beast wasn't poisoned," he muttered, "that's plain—the confounded dog was a victim of fits."

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Sunday School teacher in a neighboring town asked the pupils what became of the swine that had evil spirits in them, and a little boy ventured the opinion that they were made into devils.



A spoony old maiden in Huy had a face like a carved wooden toy; But a blind man she met Said: "You're beautiful, pet," And the foolish old maid said: "Oh, juy!" —Luke.

Six arrests of union men were made in Trinidad for crimes alleged to have been committed during the coal strike in Colorado.

Food prices were reduced somewhat in New York by the opening of four public city markets.

President Wilson ended his first vacation of the summer and is back in Washington.



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(Dover News.)

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(Dover News.)

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